

# Useful Christmas Gifts



Christmas is only about two weeks away and, you, of course, realize if you want to make early selections while the assortments are complete you must begin now. We have been busy for months carefully selecting desirable, useful gifts that will merit your approval both for their attractiveness and the savings they will give you.

## Dainty Christmas Handkerchiefs

Thousands of them are here and thousands will be sold, for a Handkerchief is always a worth-while gift. Ours were bought months ago, before prices advanced, and no store anywhere offers you better Handkerchiefs for the money and few such a really wonderful variety to choose from.

## Linens

That will delight any housewife

Our Christmas Linen stocks offer every facility for the selection of acceptable gifts. Beautiful Damask by the yard, with Napkins to match, if you want them, Lunch Cloths, Tray Cloths, Center Pieces, Dresser Scarfs, Doilies and Fancy Pieces in endless array. The prices on these goods are very low, and will certainly please you.

## Furs

Are always acceptable gifts

All women admire and appreciate pretty Furs, and any woman not already supplied will be glad to receive such a gift this Christmas. Our variety is so extensive that almost any woman can be supplied here, either with a Scarf, Muff, or nicely matched Set.

## Special Notice

To facilitate early Christmas shopping, we will wrap and prepay the postage on all packages that are purchased on or before December 15.

# The Homer Fitts Company

### TALK OF THE TOWN

All up for the Goddard seven-cent fair to-night at 7:27.—adv.

Fred Barrows of New York was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Food sale, also fancy articles, at Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.—adv.

Luke Gallagher of Short street left this morning for Burlington, where he has secured employment in the pool room connected with the Sherwood hotel.

Frank Abbiatti of Bolster place returned last evening from Boston, where he has been visiting with friends during the past two weeks. He resumed his duties in the Royal billiard parlors this morning, after having a two weeks' vacation.

Barre bowlers pitted against two of the best amateurs in Burlington returned from the Queen city this morning with laurels hard-won on the candlepin lanes last evening. Against Mary Daley and Bob Hawkins, Joe Merlo and Charles Colombo of this city not only retrieved their defeat on the local alleys last week, but tied the series between the two cities. The totals last night were 1,005 for Barre, and 951 for Burlington. Colombo was in fine fettle and is credited with the highest single. Three times he clipped the 100 mark, and his record single for the evening was 121. The scores: Merlo, 98-95-102-95-99; Daley, 73-112-97-78-104; Colombo, 114-87-106-121-95; Hawkins, 103-85-89-90-110. A gallery of Barre fans which witnessed the match included Atto Marriana, Paul Scampini, B. Colombo and Blair Marriana. The teams will play off the tie in this city next week.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Every seventh person admitted free to-night at the seven-cent fair.—adv.

"Fun in a Theatrical Office," Howland hall, Dec. 12. Admission, 25c; under 12 years, 15c.—adv.

Improvement was visible to-day in the condition of Miss Mildred Marrior of North Main street, who has been ill of tetanus for the past two weeks. Paralysis of the muscles continues to relax and cumulative symptoms indicate that her recovery is possible.

A committee of nearly a dozen members of Clan Gordon, appointed at the annual meeting of the organization on Wednesday evening, will meet in the clan rooms Monday evening at 8 o'clock to consider arrangements for a concert and dance to be given for the benefit of the "Harry Lauder million pound" fund.

On the Murphy & Weaver alleys last evening the Combination Five won from the Skidoo club at candle pins by the score of 1,211 to 1,176 in three frames. Capt. Dud Ross, Cowie, Parker, Halsall and Ross made up the Combination, and the Skidoo team was composed of Capt. Keefe, Smith, Mahoney, McDonald and Connor. Capt. Ross is credited with the highest single and Halsall with the highest total pinfall.

Joseph Galli, a former resident of Barre, arrived in the city last night to make a brief visit in the home of his mother, Mrs. E. Bai of Foss street. When he leaves, Mr. Galli will make a final farewell to his friends here, as he expects to be absent a long time, having this week enlisted in the U. S. army. He has been assigned to an engineering regiment and will leave for Pensacola, Fla., Saturday night.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Saturday sale of pictures at Abbott's. Carroll Ordway and Harold J. Morse were business visitors in White River Junction yesterday.

The ladies' union of the Universalist church will hold a concert and dance in Howland hall Thursday evening, Dec. 13; dance and concert, 81; ladies, 35c.—adv.

William Steward of Mount street is detained from his duties as a lather operator at the plant of Gearson & Lane as the result of a peculiar mishap which resulted in the dislocation of the hipbone. Mr. Steward was talking with a fellow employee, when he coughed slightly. At the same moment he felt his lower limbs weakening, and it was with difficulty that he was able to reach his feet. The hip bone has been restored to its proper place, but several days will elapse before Mr. Steward is able to resume his work.

D. A. Perry returned from Brattleboro yesterday after conducting a very successful sale for the Vermont Pure Breed Livestock Sales company. One hundred and twenty Holstein cows and calves averaged \$261.40 each. Red Cross A. carter, the calf presented by C. W. Ellis of Courland, N. Y., to the Red Cross, sold for \$1,275 and was purchased by Dr. Clark of the Kelsie ranch, Lexington, Mass., and he gave the calf back to the society to be sold at the February sale. The calf was raised by House and Benjamin of Berlin and sold to Mr. Ellis for \$200.

Russian Symphony Orchestra in Burlington.

Modest Altschuler, the conductor of the Russian Symphony orchestra of New York, which appears at Burlington at the Majestic theatre on Sunday afternoon under the management of Arthur W. Dow, studied at the Conservatory of Music of Moscow during the golden days of that institution when the faculty included such notables as Tchaikowsky, Saffonoff, Arensky and Tanieff and among the students were four who have since achieved wide renown, Josef Lhevinne, Petchnikoff, Rachmaninoff and Mr. Altschuler.

Among the happy memories of those days is one which is recalled by a signed photograph which Lhevinne gave to Altschuler years afterward, bearing the following inscription: "In memory of that famous dinner."

"Lhevinne came to me one day," Mr. Altschuler tells the story, "and said that he had ten rubles to spend for dinner and asked me to be his guest. That seemed a princely sum in those days, especially for two poor music students, and I fasted all day long in preparation for the feast. The dinner was served and was perfect in every respect. I've never tasted anything like it since. The waiter was most attentive and for a good two hours brought course after course and then at last we sat over our cigars dreaming of the future fame that was to come to us. But there was a rude awakening. At length the waiter presented the check and it amounted to exactly ten rubles. Lhevinne did not have another sou in his purse and I was penniless. All the joy of the feast was gone, for after having received such attention, we couldn't bring ourselves to face the waiter and explain we couldn't tip him, especially after ordering so extravagantly. We had to do it nevertheless, but he was a good sort and joined in the laugh with us, much to our relief. Needless to say, we sent him a tip later on, and ever afterward when any event had to be celebrated with a dinner, he was our waiter."—adv.

## BARRE DAILY TIMES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1917.

### The Weather

Partly cloudy to-night; not so cold in Vermont; Saturday probably snow. Fresh north to northwest winds.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

See Abbott's Saturday sale of pictures. See those special coat values at Abbott's.

Lyman A. Taft of Mount street is ill with the grip.

Last week in which to pay up your thrift club. Quarry Savings Bank.

For money-saving prices, trade at Shea's. Saturday several good specials. Something doing every minute at the seven-cent fair to-night. Admission, 7c.—adv.

Don't forget your baked beans Saturday night. Presbyterian church supper.—adv.

Did you know that you could get a "gift certificate" at our studio? Come in and let us tell you about it. Shores' Studio, Depot square.

Mrs. H. O. Stafford of Burlington, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Breehn of Webster street, returned to her home to-day.

We have received some of the season's latest models in hats, also making special prices on winter hats from our regular stock. Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc. Troup will make photographs of you that are real portraits and that will delight your friends this holiday season. Phone for an appointment to-day. The Troup Studio.

The men of the Barre class of the First Baptist church will hold a food sale to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at the church from 2 to 5 o'clock. All kinds of food will be on sale.—adv.

The ladies' aid of the Baptist church will have a Christmas sale Dec. 11 and 12. Supper will be served Tuesday night and there will be a five-cent social on Wednesday evening. Everybody welcome.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were the following people: H. A. D. Leggett of Burlington, E. G. Irving of Lawrence, Mass., R. H. Brackett and H. S. Ballou, Jr., of Boston, W. F. Gordon of Warren, O., Harry H. Lane of Springfield, H. A. Goodwin of South Ryegate, A. J. Murphy of Burlington, Louis N. Provost of Rutland, John A. Cross of Northfield, L. E. Freshour of Springfield, Mass., R. H. Brigham of Springfield, Mrs. C. A. MacDonald of Boston, H. S. Hildreth of Westford, Mass., George H. Blanchard of Baldwinville, N. Y., Thomas M. Dargan of Worcester.

A Washington county committee is back of a drive in this locality to aid in recruiting to its full strength the old 1st Vermont regiment, now stationed at Charlotte, N. C. Every man in Washington county who is eligible to the draft is in receipt of a notice advising that the recruiting party is to be in Montpelier and Barre Saturday and Sunday. Locally, the recruiting station will be opened at city hall, where all who incline to enlistment at the present time may apply Sunday. According to the circular the present situation is that any man of draft age not already in service or called by his local board can volunteer to enlist to noon Saturday, Dec. 15, and such volunteers in the 1st Vermont may receive extra state pay of \$10. All men between the ages of 18 and 41 are eligible for enlistment.

Jockey Hollow, South Barre, Plainfield, Williamstown and Washington—to name only a few of the immediate past of the oldest inhabitants' choir to-day by proclaiming it the coldest Dec. 7 within memory, and with the mercury sinking to unaccustomed depths in the week succeeding Thanksgiving, all of the stories were easy to believe. A whole generation of weather testimony is back of the claim that the Dec. 7 reading of 1917 will not suffer by comparison with anything in the immediate past.

In Barre indicators registered subzero readings of 12, 13 and 16. Down on the flats the mercury seemed to be preceded by an effective barrage, for it found nothing to hinder its progress short of minus 16. It was warmer on the heights, if warmer is the word. At South Barre the report was —14, and the station agent at Williamstown vouched for a minus 20 reading. Plainfield, Washington and Montpelier trailed along in the teens.

Mothers, brothers, sisters and friends of enlisted, drafted or draftable men are to petition Congress at the present session for its support of a bill in behalf of the Purple Cross, a nationwide organization of undertakers, which seeks the privilege of caring for the bodies of men who may sacrifice their lives for their country. B. W. Hooker & Co. of this city are affiliated with the Purple Cross and any who are related by blood or other ties to the men of the services may sign one of the petitions by calling at the store. The purpose of the bill now pending before Congress is to "render possible the return of the bodies of our soldier dead to their home burial grounds in a sanitary and recognizable condition." It is planned to make a temporary burial in France, after the remains have been scientifically embalmed, and to have the body and grave so identified as to permit shipment to America at the close of the war.

### Notice

There will be a special meeting of the lumpers, boxers and derrickmen's union in Eagles' hall, Worthen block, Saturday evening, Dec. 8, at 7 o'clock. Very important business. Per order secretary.



Special communication of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p. m. Work, M. M. degree. The past masters will occupy the chairs and do the work. At the conclusion of the work, M. W. Brother H. H. Ross, grand secretary, will address the lodge, his subject being "Masonry and the War." All Masons in good and regular standing are invited to attend and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Light refreshments will be served. Per order W. M.



Special meeting of Iroquois tribe, No. 16, I. O. R. M., Friday evening, Dec. 7, at 7 o'clock for the purpose of conferring degrees or to do any other legal business.



Special meeting of Canton Vinton Dec. 7.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—One brown mare, about 12 yrs. old, when taken at once; also milk cow, 2 cows and a horse; apply to McAlley, R. D. No. 4, Barre. 22512

WANTED AT ONCE—A boxer, Novelties & Calagani. 22511

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## The Big Stock-Reducing Sale Closes To-morrow Night

It's your last opportunity to save on many articles of staple merchandise. There is no doubt but that prices will be still higher, and by purchasing all of your needs now you will surely not regret it later.

### A Great Clearance of Suits, Coats and Dresses

STYLISH SUITS MODELS—Regular values \$22.50; now	\$15.00
HIGH-GRADE SUITS—Regular values to \$30.00; now	\$18.75
EXCLUSIVE SUIT MODELS—Regular values to \$35.00; now	\$22.75
WOOL VELOUR COATS—Regular values to \$19.50; now	\$14.50
SNAPPY NEW MODELS—Regular values to \$23.50; now	\$17.50
STYLISH NEW COATS—Regular values to \$27.50; now	\$20.00
TWO SPECIAL LOTS OF GIRLS' COATS AT..	\$4.98 and 6.98

### Ladies' Winter Underwear at Special Sale Prices

Kimono Flannels, regular 19c value, now, per yard ..... 15c  
36-Inch Serpentine Crepes, regular 25c value, per yard ..... 19c  
Ladies' Fabric Gloves, 2 specials, per pair ..... 59c and 79c  
THIS WEEK A BIG SALE OF BLANKETS at prices which mean a saving to you of 20 to 25 per cent.

A FULL LINE OF CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS now on display.

# THE UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

### MONTPELIER

Enlistment in the Navy Takes On a Big Boom.

W. K. Taylor of Barre enlisted to-day in the navy through the local office of the recruiting station. A student in Montpelier seminary, was rejected this morning because he is under weight and height. He is a plumber and machinist, a man much desired in the navy. Chief Master-at-Arms Charles Mitchell expects some 20 enlistments Monday and Tuesday of next week, that number having spoken favorably of enlistment at that time, wanting to close up this week's work before taking the step. H. W. Snow left this morning for Burlington to complete his physical examination for entrance into the navy. Erwin Wakefield, who enlisted through the local office, was rejected Thursday. A. M. Kern left this morning to enlist in the navy.

Gilbert T. Miles of Middlesex settled his account this morning as administrator of the estate of Ariette L. Miles, late of Middlesex, in probate court.

Gov. H. F. Graham has appointed Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier as a member of the executive committee of the Vermont branch of Red Cross in place of Major L. S. Tillotson, who has been assigned to the 35th division of the regular army, which left the vacancy in the state organization.

J. M. Boutwell has returned from Washington, D. C.

G. H. Almon, who has a contract for 1,000 cords of wood to go to Fort Ethan Allen, is shipping as fast as they want it, or three and four cars a week; but this is not as much as his men are cutting, so that he has shipped a few carloads into Barre. He has not yet shipped any into Montpelier, he said this morning, but if the condition became such that it was necessary to prevent a shortage he would rush wood into this city. He looks for a busy time in the winter of 1918-19 than this year, and, therefore, he will keep his men cutting all summer that he may be able to ship a great deal of wood into Montpelier and other nearby towns. He expects the coal supply will not be as good next year as this year. Robert Gordon has 100 cords which he has almost ready to deliver in town, while E. C. Maxham has his orders filled for about the same amount. This, with what the city can supply, and what other men are bringing into the city makes some of those who are following the supply feel that the price will not soar much above \$10 at least this winter, as against \$15 which was paid, according to one of the aldermen, last year.

Col. H. T. Johnson is quite pleased with the way the home guards are taking hold of the recruiting drive which will be conducted for the next few days. Capt. E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro and Lieut. L. H. Boyd of Bennington, were assigned by Col. F. B. Thomas to assist Lieut. Cheney of the regular army to do the work in the state. Several have called at the adjutant general's office for information relative to the state pay, for this is the first time since the First Vermont regiment went into the regular army that there has been an opportunity for getting state pay and many in the draft are enlisting. A detail of Co. F, Home Guard, went to Northfield this morning to work on the drive, while other details have gone to other places in the county. The drive will be kept up until the expiration of the time occurs, and Col. Johnson looks for a material increase.

Mrs. G. H. Almon left this morning for New York, where she was called by the death of Mrs. Power, her mother, who was 74 years of age and who had been in poor health. Mrs. Almon received a letter Thursday noon stating that her mother was not feeling very well and about supper time she received a message that she had died. Her son, Robert, of this city, owing to ill health, will be unable to go to New York.

The report of the fatal accident in which Jack Basso was killed at Danby Dec. 4, has been received at the office of the commissioner of industries. The man was running a machine which went to the end of a track and then tipped

over, crushing Basso's head. He leaves a wife and children. He was employed by the Vermont Marble Co.

The deed of the sale of a house and lot by G. W. Parmenter to Margaret Kimmons, has been filed in the city clerk's office, as has the deed of Dr. L. A. Newcomb's place to H. M. Farnham. The consideration is one dollar and other valuable considerations in each instance.

Looking about the stations along the Central Vermont railway will not be particularly pleasing if the regulations which have been sent out in a circular letter are put in force all along the line. The letter provides that the railway company is in harmony with the fuel conservation and that where a waiting room can be closed without inconvenience to the public that such is to take place. However, it is not understood that the new regulation will materially change the manner in which the local station has been handled. Perhaps a little more care about closing the doors will prevail.

Miss Mildred Corry is taking a vacation from her work in the E. T. Seguin store. Miss Antonette Olinney has resumed her duties after a vacation from the same store.

Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas is getting excellent returns from the public which he released last week relative to the need for teachers, and he stated when leaving last evening for St. Albans that since he had been connected with the department had there been so many available teachers on file as have written him since the publication took place. They come in by the dozens in each mail. The gratifying thing, said Mr. Hillegas, is that they are teachers who have an excellent record

and whose experience is shown in the office of the commissioner, so that he has not obtained those which he might be unable to accept but a lot of excellent teachers.

The passenger train service on the Central Vermont railway was considerably out of joint Thursday by derailments. The southbound night sleeper was derailed near Evans and, according to the report given here by passengers arriving on one of the trains, was due to a broken rail which threw two of the cars off into the afternoon, or about 12 hours. The afternoon mail train was held at White River Junction long enough to get the connection, although it is understood that it was first planned to run the train without waiting for the New York connection. In addition to this trouble, the milk train, due here about noon, was delayed about two hours at Randolph for a similar cause. This delayed the southbound mail train about the same length of time.

The result of the hearing relative to committing Mrs. Sarah Chatterton of Warren to the state hospital at the expense of the state was in an order to that effect as made by the probate court Thursday afternoon. F. E. Gleason represented the petitioners while E. R. Davis appeared for the state.

H. J. M. Jones, state fuel administrator, has received a telegram from the federal fuel administrator that an increase of 35 cents per ton has been authorized for anthracite coal actually shipped from the mines after 7 a. m. Dec. 1, 1917, but dealers are not expected to apply this advance to coal shipped to or received by them prior to that date.

## Christmas Will Soon Be Here!



Footwear is always the sensible and ideal Christmas gift. We would remind you of the advisability of doing your shopping early while our stock is complete. We have filled our store with good things for you and when you take a look at our feast you will find purchasing just simply irresistible.

Splendid dress shoes for the grown members of the family.

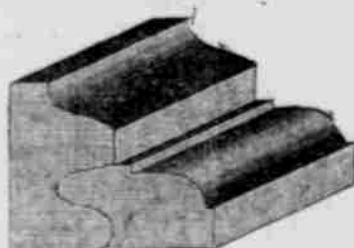
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Pretty slippers for that best girl or sister Lucy. Felt or leather slippers for pa or grandpa. Remember our prices are right.

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